

ARTS AND CRAFTS

- More than 300 artists and craftspeople
- Hokitika is the country's Jade Capital
- Tai Poutini Polytechnic offers Jade Carving course
- World class artists offer goods for sale from home studios
- Wide range of superb raw materials
- Artists work in wood, gold, jade, clay, sand, ruby rock and stone

With dramatic land and seascapes everywhere, many artists have made the West Coast their home, incorporating local materials into their work, such as driftwood, timber, jade, hard stones, bone, natural fibres and rare minerals.



Potters and painters, weavers and woodworkers, sculptors and silversmiths, fabric artists, photographers, film makers - their quality work is showcased in galleries, museums, craft shops and cafés. Many are included on the **Arts Trail Map**.

The Left Bank Art Gallery in Greymouth is the only regional gallery which regularly showcases local and national exhibitions. The Gallery is also the home of the NZ Jade Exhibition; a permanent collection of the works of significant contemporary jade carvers, and has held exhibitions of contemporary jade for the last 20 years.

Communication Kawatiri is an initiative involving the regions of Buller, Tasman, Nelson and Marlborough. The project aims to establish the current and future needs of the arts industry and to respond to these.



West Coast Arts was established in 2002 to promote and assist the development of the arts and professional artists, funded by Creative New Zealand as part of their Regional Strengths Maurangi Toi Strategy.

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Development West Coast offers all artists Enterprise Training workshops and one-to-one follow-up coaching. It has sponsored the Left Bank Art Gallery, contributed \$76,000 to the West Coast Arts Project and also provided funding to enable the NBR Opera to perform on the Coast.